

Protecting Your Children Online

Also Protects You!!



RISKS:

Inappropriate Contact

Inappropriate Content

Inappropriate Conduct

Identify Theft

There are steps parents, educators and others who work with children can take to help keep children safe on-line:

Computer Location: Keep your computer in a central and open location in your home.

Supervise Access: Supervise computer access for children and monitor the types of sites visited. Consider using parental control tools on your home computer.

Establish Rules: Create guidelines for computer use. Include the amount of time that may be spent online and the type of sites that may be visited. Post these rules near the computer.

Personal Information: Teach children not to post or share personal information such as their photograph, address, age or activity schedule. Create a safe screen name that does not reveal personal information about the child.

Web Filtering: Use web filtering software that restricts access to inappropriate websites and content.

Communication: Maintain an open line of communication. Encourage children to come to you if they feel threatened online.

Cyberbullying: Teach children not to respond to cyberbullies. Report incidents of cyberbullying to school administrators and local law enforcement when appropriate.

For more information on Internet safety, please visit

<http://www.msisac.org/awareness/news/>

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